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"U. S. NAVY SHOULD BE STRONGEST IN WORLD," CONGRESSMEN ARE TOLD

ADMIRAL KNIGHT SAYS CAUSES FOR IRRITATION MANY

No Nation Maintains So Many Policies Which May Make Trouble, He Says

POINTS OUT SEVERAL SUCH POSSIBILITIES

Declares at Any Time Other Countries are Likely to Find Conflicting Interests

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 29.—Declaring that the United States needs the strongest navy in the world, Admiral Austin M. Knight, president of the Naval War College, told the house naval affairs committee today that America maintains more policies which are irritating to other countries than any other nation.

His declarations were in support of his recommendations that the United States should have the first navy in strength. He cited as instances of the policies which may create friction with other nations the Monroe doctrine, which must be defended; the control of the Panama canal and its resultant situation; the maintenance of the "open door" in China; and the movement to enforce Asiatic exclusion.

Such doctrines, he said, are likely at any time to conflict with the interests of other nations, who no longer will accept them. He declared that the United States is in a position where it is not required to state particulars.

ITALY SEIZES GERMAN VESSELS

LONDON, England, Feb. 29.—Italy has requisitioned 34 of the 37 German steamers interned at Italian ports.

MINERS TRAPPED; MAJORITY SAVED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
CUMBERLAND, Md., Feb. 29.—Seventy-one miners were trapped today as the result of a mine explosion. Fifty-two were saved and six are known to be dead. Rescuers are working to save the remainder.

COAST STEAMER HITS; TOTAL LOSS

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Feb. 29.—The steamer Fifield, from San Francisco for Bandon, struck the Coquille river jetty today and will be a total loss. All on board were saved, being conveyed ashore by prompt use of the breeches buoy.

BOSTON MAN RAPS LOUIS D. BRANDEIS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 29.—E. W. Hutchins of Boston, testifying today before the house subcommittee on judiciary which is considering the Brandeis nomination for justice of the supreme court, said that Brandeis has the reputation as a lawyer of great ability but of not being straightforward.

BANDITS GET SECURITIES

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 29.—It was learned today that among the loot secured by robbers of money consigned to local banks and taken from a ferry was \$2500 in securities.

It is reported that Carl Nipper, who was with the Hawaiian Exposition Grindist Club at the Ford factory, Detroit, has resigned and taken a position in Toronto.

FOR SALE

Safe, \$700 pounds, double-door, canopy-top surrey, cheap; condition in good condition.

HE ASSURES HAWAII FREE SUGAR CLAUSE WILL BE REPEALED



Delegate J. Kuhio Kalaniana'ole. A recent photo taken on the Capitol steps in winter.

REPEAL OF FREE SUGAR CERTAIN, SAYS DELEGATE

Prince Kalaniana'ole Thinks Few Democrats Will Fight Measure, But is Certain it Will Do Them No Good at All

"Repeal of the free sugar clause is certain. There is no question about it. A few Democrats will fight the measure, but it won't do them any good," said Prince J. K. Kalaniana'ole, Hawaii's delegate to Congress, this morning on the Matsonia, returning from Washington.

The prince says he has returned to Honolulu in the interests of his suit to set aside the deed which creates the Queen Liliuokalani trust. "I will return to Washington as soon as the case is over," he stated.

Concerning Hawaiian legislation now before Congress, the delegate says all bills affecting Hawaii are now making some progress and that the Dole pension bill has been reported out.

"I received the Chamber of Commerce's cable asking me to introduce a bill to secure a naval academy for Hawaii, on the day I was leaving," he said, "but I instructed my secretary to draw up such a bill and introduce it. I think it has already been introduced."

Regarding the harbor improvement project, Delegate Kuhio said he had not been able to secure an appropriation for the Kalihi project, but had obtained \$100,000 for the old plan, and hopes to have it amended so that it can go into the new project.

"The Kilauea National Park bill is now before the house, on the calendar, making its turn with the various committees. We are going to work to get the park established first, and later try for an appropriation for its improvement," he stated.

Prince Kuhio said the weather this winter in Washington had been good, but that there had been plenty of "pneumonia weather" and two or three real cold snaps. He reported an excellent trip.

In honor of the delegate's return, and of former Governor David I. Walsh of Massachusetts, who was also a passenger on the Matsonia, the Hawaiian band played the Star-Spangled banner as they walked down the gang-plank.

HEARS OF ZEPPELIN RAID NEAR HOME OF HIS SON IN ENGLAND

Richard Kekoa of 1559 Emma street, Honolulu, this morning received a letter from his daughter-in-law at Kidderminster, England, telling of a Zeppelin raid, and of the death of nine persons in one house nine miles from the home of his son. The nine were killed when their home was wrecked by bombs from the German aerial destroyer. The letter, which is from the wife of Diamond Kekoa, was written

COL. D. L. HOWELL IS ORDERED TO FORT SHAFTER

Commander of 1st Infantry at Schofield Made 2nd Infantry Post Commander

ORDER BRINGING COL. ROBERTS HERE REVOKED

Will Stay on Mainland, and Not Succeed Col. Chatfield When He Retires for Age

Revoking a recent order, and causing great surprise to army men here, an order was received at Fort Shafter this morning, transferring Col. Daniel L. Howell, 1st Infantry, Schofield Barracks, to command of Fort Shafter and the 2nd Infantry.

Col. Howell's promotion takes effect March 12. Some time ago orders received here transferred Col. Harris L. Roberts to command of the post and the 2nd Infantry, but today's order revoked the former one, and Col. Roberts is now to be attached to the 2nd Infantry. He has been on the border, and was to have come to Honolulu on the April transport. The new order is a big surprise to army men at both posts.

Col. Walter H. Chatfield is to be retired soon, because of age, and Col. Howell will take his place as commanding officer of Fort Shafter. Col. Howell will be in command only eight months before his tour of duty in the Hawaiian Department expires and he returns to the mainland.

Orders naming the new commanding officer of the 1st Infantry, after Col. Howell leaves the regiment to take command of Fort Shafter, have not yet been received here.

OBJECTS TO USE OF PUBLIC CASH FOR FINE PARTY

Wilder Claims Dinner for Senators Not "Urgent Need;" Wants Account Held Up

Declaring that certain alleged expenditures made by Charles R. Forbes, superintendent of public works, during his recent trip to Washington, are not legally payable out of the \$50,000 appropriation from which sums might be expended only with the approval of the governor, Judge Arthur A. Wilder today filed in circuit court a suit in equity praying that Auditor J. H. Fisher be enjoined from issuing any warrants for the alleged expenditures, and that Treasurer C. J. McCarthy be prohibited from making payments on any such warrants.

Governor Pinkham is named as the first defendant in the suit, the other defendants being Mr. Fisher, Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Forbes. It is also alleged that last month Forbes presented to the governor vouchers purporting to show that on January 19, this year, he expended in Washington, D. C., \$98.55, being, according to the vouchers, on account of payments for a dinner to senators in the sum of \$92.05, and for place cards in the sum of \$6.50, and for notices in the sum of \$1.50.

The complaint goes on to allege that the payment of these expenditures will be made out of the \$50,000 appropriation "unless such payment is restrained by this honorable court." It is further declared that the expenditures were "not for urgent needs for which no specific appropriation had been made," and were for expenditures wholly and utterly without and beyond the purposes for which the said appropriation of \$50,000 had been made.

Mr. Wilder claims in his complaint that the expenditures by Mr. Forbes are not payable out of any of the funds of the territory whatsoever, and that any payment of the same, out of the said appropriation of \$50,000, or out of any moneys of the territory whatsoever, is illegal.

Concluding the complaint, Mr. Wilder says: "That this honorable court grant unto your orator a temporary injunction, commanding as follows:

(1) That the said defendant, Lucius E. Pinkham, as governor of the territory of Hawaii, refrain from approving the vouchers presented by the said Charles R. Forbes for the said sum of \$98.55; (2) that the said defendant, J. H. Fisher, as auditor of the territory of Hawaii, refrain from issuing any warrant upon the said voucher; (3) that the said defendant, Charles J. McCarthy, as treasurer of the territory of Hawaii, refrain from making payment upon any warrant which may be issued upon said voucher; (4) that the said defendant, Charles R. Forbes, refrain from presenting to the treasurer of the territory of Hawaii, any voucher for the

ROOSEVELT NOW GAINING IN EAST; WILSON LEADING

David I. Walsh, Former Massachusetts Governor, Thinks Country Likes Policy

SEES NO PROSPECT OF PROSPERITY DECLINE

Believes Europe's Orders for Implements of Peace Will Equal Munitions Trade

Between intervals of chucking dimes to the diving boys alongside the Matsonia, and remarking at the beauty of Honolulu's hills and palms, David I. Walsh, former governor of Massachusetts, this morning said Roosevelt has been gaining much strength in the East to the last three months, but that the great mass of the people are still loyal to President Wilson as the next presidential possibility.

"Hughes is very much talked-of in the East, but there is uncertainty as to whether he will or will not be a candidate," said Mr. Walsh. "Roosevelt is strong among the Progressive element of the Republicans, and also in the pillar-to-post element who have not agreed on any leader."

The former governor says Roosevelt's gaining popularity is largely due to his outspoken opposition to the administration's foreign policies. "He has gotten together a following of the dissatisfied element who want to unite on a common opponent," he stated.

In spite of this, however, it seems to me there is a strong underlying

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NEW BILL WOULD RETIRE DOLE ON HIS FULL SALARY

Senator Coke Seeks Draft as Approved By House Judiciary Committee

A letter received today by A. A. Wilder from James L. Coke, well-known Honolulu, now in Washington, brings news which seems to assure the passage of legislation that will retire Federal Judge Sanford B. Dole on full salary.

The house judiciary committee has approved a new bill, largely drafted from the former proposed bills, but much shorter. This bill is as follows: "Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

"That when the term of any judge of the United States district court in a territory expires, or has heretofore expired, after such judge has held a commission or commissions as judge of such court at least ten years continuously, and has attained the age of 70 years while holding such commission, he shall, during the residue of his natural life, receive the salary which was payable at the time of the expiration of his term."

This, it is pointed out, is manifestly to see that Judge Dole, if not reappointed, retires on full salary.

In his letter Senator Coke says that while he has done what he could to expedite the legislation, Delegate Kuhio has done more than anyone else to secure favorable action on the bill, and Judge S. M. Ballou, the planters' representative; George McK. McClellan and Jack Desha, Chamber of Commerce representative and secretary to the delegate, have also helped.

GOING TO MAINLAND TO BOOST RUSSIA'S TRADE WITH STATES

L. B. Dessinoff, a thorough passenger on the steamer Sonoma, which arrived here today from Sydney, is president of the Petrograd Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Dessinoff is on a world tour in the interests of Russia, to boost his country's trade relations all over the globe. This afternoon at 5 o'clock he sails for the mainland.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of stocks on the New York market today, sent by the Associated Press over the Federal Wireless:

	Today	Yesterday
Alaska Gold	21	21 1/2
American Smelter	97 1/2	97 1/2
American Sugar Rfg.	111 1/2	111 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	127 1/2	127 1/2
Anacosta Copper	85 1/2	85 1/2
Atchafalaya	102 1/2	102 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	102	102 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	85 1/2	85 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	40	40 1/2
Calif. Petroleum	28 1/2	27 1/2
Canadian Pacific	187	186 1/2
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	93 1/2	93 1/2
Colo. Fuel & Iron	41	40 1/2
Cruible Steel	73 1/2	73 1/2
Erie Common	35 1/2	35 1/2
General Electric	167 1/2	168
General Motors	450	450
Great Northern Pfd.	120 1/2	120
Inter. Harv. N. J.	109	108 1/2
Lehigh R. R.	77 1/2	77 1/2
New York Central	103 1/2	103
Pennsylvania	56 1/2	56 1/2
Ray Consol.	52 1/2	52 1/2
Southern Pacific	131	131
Studebaker	131	131
Tennessee Copper	55 1/2	54
Union Pacific	133 1/2	133 1/2
U. S. Steel	82 1/2	82
U. S. Steel Pfd.	116 1/2	116 1/2
Utah	83 1/2	83 1/2
Western Union	87 1/2	87 1/2
Westinghouse	63 1/2	63 1/2

*Bid. †Ex-dividend.

MORE MURDERS IN RED MEXICO

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 29.—The murder of Grover C. Vane, an American, by Villista soldiers, 25 miles north of Durango, Mexico, has been officially reported to the state department. No details are given.

The department of justice reports today that Gen. Felix Diaz, hoping to start a new revolution, sailed on February 18 from Tampico for Tlaxiaco.

TORREON, Mex., Feb. 29.—It is reported here that an American hotel keeper by the name of Edward Harris has been hanged by bandits at Sombrerete. No details are given.

GERMAN OFFICIAL CABLEGRAMS

The following cablegram from official German sources was received yesterday:

"German Headquarters, Feb. 29.—On the west front artillery engagements are exceedingly violent in several places. On the front north of Arras there has been interrupted mine activity and the Germans have destroyed by blasting about 40 meters of the enemy's position. In Champagne the Germans after efficient artillery preparation began an attack on both sides of the road between the Somme and Souain and conquered Navarin farm and the French positions on both sides, about 1600 meters long, imprisoning 26 officers and 1009 men, taking nine machine guns and one mine-thruster."

"In the Verdun district new masses of reinforcements concentrated by the enemy exhausted themselves in fruitless attempts to attack the German position in and near the fortress of Douaumont and Haumont. The Germans have cleared the Meuse peninsula now of the enemy. In the direction of Vacherauville the Germans have advanced their lines further, also toward Bras. In the Woëvre plain the foot of Cotellerrains was reached from the east in several places."

"German Headquarters, Feb. 29.—Increased artillery activity today continued in many places. East of the Meuse the Germans stormed a small armed fortification at Cimet, northwest of the village of Douaumont."

"Renewed attacks of the enemy in this district are already frustrated."

"In the Woëvre plain the Germans passed Dieppe, Auncourt and Blanzee northeast of Warr and Onville and stormed Manheulles and Champlon. Up to last night there were counted 228 officers and 16,575 men wounded prisoners; 78 cannons taken, among which were heavy guns of the most modern type, 86 machine guns, and much other material."

"Near a ranger's house at Thiville, northeast of Badonviller, the Germans attacked, conquered an advanced part of a French position and took a large number of prisoners."

EX-GOV. WALSH TO SPEAK TOMORROW
Ex-Governor Walsh will speak at the Commercial Club at the regular luncheon hour tomorrow, and it was announced this afternoon. A large crowd is expected.

BOTH SIDES TODAY CLAIMING SUCCESS; PARIS SAYS POINT OF ATTACK NOW BEING MOVED

FRENCH MILITARY OBSERVERS BELIEVE GERMANS NO LONGER HOPE TO BREAK LINES—THINK TEUTON ARMY NUMBERED 750,000—BERLIN DECLARES WOEVRÉ PLAIN BEING CLEARED OF FRENCH AND GERMANS WINNING MANY VANTAGE POINTS—SUBMARINE WARFARE AGAIN IN DIPLOMATIC CONSIDERATION

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.)

PARIS, France, Feb. 29.—In ferocity of fighting and in losses on both sides, the battle of Verdun, now in its sixth day, is taking rank as one of the greatest battles of the entire war and if the reports of losses prove correct, will become one of the bloodiest engagements in all history.

The military critics here anxiously studying the reports from the front and estimating the number of those engaged, have come to the conclusion that Germany had massed an army exceeding 750,000 men in the vicinity of Verdun to cut through the French lines if possible and win the strategic fortress that guards the road to Paris.

The opinion of the press today is that the "situation is decidedly better." The fact that the battle seems to be shifting, and that no longer are the frontal attacks in mass so powerful, leads the critics to think that the German staff now does not hope to break through the French lines.

That the German strokes are diminishing in their smashing power is the consensus of opinion based on the despatches from the front. Renewals of the severe offensive are expected, but at different points from those where the principal attacks have been made.

Says Germans Fell in Great Masses

PARIS, France, Feb. 29.—Graphic descriptions of the Verdun fighting are given by soldiers sent home wounded from the front. One of them declares:

"The Germans advanced in serried masses. Our shrapnel shell fell among them and cleared great gaps in their ranks. The artillery tore and cut them like scythes would do. Limbs of men and trees, and bodies were hurled into the air and fragments of flesh fell among us."

"The machine guns mowed down the Germans, who were mowed so that their dead at times could not fall."

"Severe air pressure, the result of continuous firing, sent the blood rushing to our ears and the lungs almost ceased working under the strain."

News from the front is that the bombardment north of Verdun continues with great intensity. The Germans were repulsed in bloody hand-to-hand fighting near the village of Douaumont. The Germans have taken the village of Manheulles, which is now under fire, and the attack is working northward.

Woëvre Plain Being Won, Says Berlin

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 29.—Official announcements declare that the German campaign along the Woëvre plain, part of the Verdun battle, is progressing. The Germans have passed the villages of Dieppe, Albaucourt, and Blanzee, and captured Manheulles and Champlon.

The total unwounded soldiers captured in recent operations number 16,575. Also 78 cannon and 86 machine guns have been taken.

German Submarines Ready to Strike

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 29.—Statesmen assert today that Germany's new ruling in submarine warfare will positively go into effect as announced, at midnight tonight. Under this ruling Germany will treat every armed merchantman as a warship and attack without warning. Austria has made a similar announcement.

Wilson And Cabinet Discuss Move

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 29.—Germany's latest submarine communication was discussed today by the president and his cabinet but no decision as to policy or action was arrived at. Further data is awaited, the information at hand being deemed incomplete.

Italian Liners Allowed to Clear

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 29.—The Italian liners Giuseppe Verdi and San Guglielmo, which are carrying guns, were allowed to clear from New York today on assurances from the Italian government that the armament was for defensive purposes only.

French Auxiliary Sunk; Most Saved

PARIS, France, Feb. 29.—The French auxiliary cruiser Provence was sunk on Saturday in the Mediterranean sea, it was announced today. At Malta 296 survivors have been landed. The total survivors are estimated at 870.

Turks Fall Back From Trebizond

LONDON, England, Feb. 29.—A Central News despatch from Petrograd says that the Turks are hastily evacuating Trebizond and other Mesopotamian and Armenian towns.

British Casualties Are Lessening

LONDON, England, Feb. 29.—Official announcement was made today that the total British casualties in all arenas of war for February amounted to 739 officers and 17,847 men. This is less than last